

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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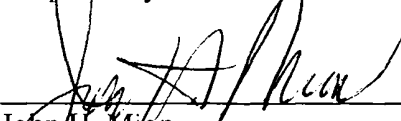
REMARKS

On page 7 of the Amendment filed November 17, 2003, Applicant requested the Examiner to hold in abeyance the rewriting of claims 3 (3/1), 4 (4/3), 22 (22/21/19/18/1), 23 (23/22) and 24 (24/23) in independent form, these claims being subject to only a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and **not to any prior art rejection**. However, Applicant now rewrites the original claim 3 and the original claim 22 in independent form and amended only to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner now to **allow** claim 3 and claims 22, 23 and 24.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this application, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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